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Ethiopia

I read the October issue with a great fascination. As I was reading the article on Ethiopia, I couldn't help but feel as if it were my own personal recollections on the subject, the only difference being that your article was written in such a superb English.

You presented the whole thing in such a brilliantly simple and chronological order, which will impress not only your American readers who were not in Addis Ababa at the time of the short-lived coup of 1960, but at the same time those, including myself, who were there.

I was in fact living, at the time, behind the Ministry of Information and did not miss much of the drama which took place during those four days when Ethiopia, for the first time in its 3000-year history, had to live under a different system other than monarchy. (Ethiopia was under colonial Italian rule for a temporary period of about five years during the 1930s).

I don't know what sort of system the country would have adapted if the 1960 coup had succeeded, but I am quite certain that Ethiopia would never have languished for so long in the archaic and despotic rule of Haile Selassie.

Once again, congratulations for your highly stimulating and thought-provoking article.

Abdullahi Haji
London, England

Refreshing News

I always look forward, with great anticipation, to receiving your well-written and informative magazine. It offers the away-from-home reader some refreshing news from the mainland.

Edward Robinson
Christiansted, St. Croix
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Good News

I have been recently introduced to *New Directions* and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

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